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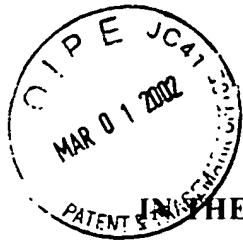
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I. SUBMITTED U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Patentee Name</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
4,308,782	HARTRY, Donald R.	January 5, 1982
4,362,081	HARTRY, Donald. R.	December 7, 1982
4,514,598	MATTHELIE, Jean-Pierre	March 11, 1986
4,599,261	HART , William W.C., et al.	July 8, 1986
4,599,926	CARLSON, Leroy H., et al.	July 15, 1986
4,752,526	DAIMON, Takashi, et al.	June 21, 1988
4,952,610	MOORE, Dan T., et al.	August 28, 1990
5,143,755	MOORE, Dan T., et al.	September 1, 1992

II. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Number Patentee Name Publication Date

Not applicable

III. SUBMITTED NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Author Article Title Source Title Date Page(s) Vol./Issue Nos. Publisher Publishing Location

Not applicable

IV. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

U.S. 4,514,598 (MATTHELIE, Jean-Pierr) (March 11, 1986) relates to a shock-mounting apparatus designed to receive and hold a microphone. This works to isolate the microphone from surrounding structure-borne environmental vibration. Referring to FIG. 3 and FIG. 4 of Matthelie, a representative isolator 2 is made from butyl rubber to provide high internal damping.

U.S. 4,599,926 (CARLSON, Leroy H., et al.) (July 15, 1986) relates to die cutting material.

U.S. 4,752,526 (DAIMON, Takashi, et al.) (June 21, 1988) relates to a laminate composite useful in acoustically sound absorption, vibration damping and heat insulation purpose.

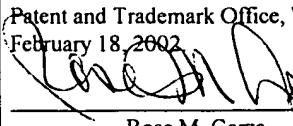
A concise explanation of the relevance for the following references has been set out in the specification:

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